If you are new to St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish or just visiting — WELCOME!
Visitors, please sign the Guest Book found near the main entrance to the church.
If you would like to register in the parish, please call or email the parish office.
Welcome to the neighborhood and parish community!

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 30, 2019
STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” (Galatians 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts, and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

June 23 Contribution $ 3,472.00
Online giving contribution $ 2,348.00
Total weekly contribution $ 5,820.00
R & I $ 5.00
Tuition Assistance $ 145.00
Cardinal Glennon $ 60.00
Catholic Communications $ 10.00
Peter’s Pence $ 60.00

Special collections in June are for Cardinal Glennon Sunday and Peter’s Pence.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS
Saturday, July 6
4:00 p.m.— R. Rone, M. Regan
Sunday, July 7
9:30 a.m.— P. O’Connell, B. McLain

SERVERS
Saturday, July 6
4:00 p.m.— Elijah S., Tommy G.
Sunday, July 7
9:30 a.m.— Sam C., Luke W.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, St. Thomas, Apostle: Eph 2:19-22;
Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Thursday: Gn 22:1B-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a,
4b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:14-17
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 66:10-14c;
Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

BLESSED OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

At the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Aug. 4, 2019, there will be a blessing of all
of the new and returning college
students in our community. Hope to
see you there! Spread the word!

GARDEN GRATITUDE

From Ginny, Ollie, and Anne
Wunderlich — Thanks to all who
donated to or supported the Parish
Picnic’s Garden Booth, under new
management. All items were
appreciated. It was a success, in spite of the rain!
Thanks, too, to Bayer’s Garden Shop and Lowe’s.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

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Independence DAY
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Following the example of our patron St. Stephen, we are called to be witnesses of God’s love and to be a faith-filled, reconciling parish.

BLESSINGS OF BEING A STEPHEN MINISTER

We asked our current Stephen Ministers: What is the most rewarding part of being a Stephen Minister?

One had this to say: “Knowing that my care receiver really enjoys and looks forward to my visits and knowing that I am hopefully making a little difference in someone’s life. I also think it has made me a better person in my relationships at home, with friends, at work, and most importantly in my own spiritual life. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to be a Stephen Minister.”

Since 1975, more than 600,000 Christians from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers. They became Ministers as a way to help others who were hurting — but they quickly discovered that God blesses them in amazing ways as well.

Come find out for yourself! Join our next training class starting Aug. 20, 2019. Contact Leigh Manalang at 314-486-0717 or leighsgsm@gmail.com for more information.

CYC REFEREES NEEDED

The South Central CYC is in need of soccer referees for the upcoming fall soccer season.

The requirements for NEW referees for this paid position are as follows:

- Must be 14 years of age by Aug. 1, 2019.
- Attend one of the classroom training clinic sessions — Sacred Heart-Valley Park on July 24 or Aug. 4 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., or St. Gabriel on Aug. 14 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- At training session, purchase referee jersey, whistle, lanyard, and red/yellow cards. Referee socks are also available for purchase.
- Score of at least 92% on 2019 Soccer Official’s test.
- Anyone 18 or older must meet additional archdiocesan requirements (www.cycstl.net/officials).

RETURNING refs must also receive a score of at least 92% on the Official’s test and are encouraged to attend a classroom clinic and on-field training. (Clinic is required for those scoring below 92% on the test.)

The pay is $20 per game for K-4th grade, $25 per game for 5th and 6th, and $30 per game for 7th and 8th. All refs must also purchase the $5 CYC-SOA insurance.

Find more information at www.cycsouthcentral.net (select “Soccer” and then “Officiating”). To register, contact referee coordinator Melanie Sullivan at 314-783-6249 or melaniesullivan9135@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH HOUSING INITIATIVE

The St. Joseph Housing Initiative gratefully invites you to participate in the blessing of its first home on Monday, July 1, 2019, at 10 a.m., at 5036 South Grand Blvd. Please join Archbishop Carlson, members of the SJHI Board, and its partners and friends to celebrate this new beginning.

No RSVP required. Parking will be available at St. Mary’s High School. For more information, contact Maureen McCuen at 314-919-6176.

QUILT RAFFLE WINNER

And the winner is … Angie Arcipowski. Angie is our second winner in the Every-Other-Month Quilt Raffle. Congratulations!

There will still be four more drawings. If you don’t have a ticket, chances are available at the rectory office — one for $1 or six for $5. Good luck!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Are you thinking about your summer vacation? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, away from all the distractions and pressures in your life right now, would be the best vacation of your life. You and your spouse will always remember this WWME Weekend away as a great time together that strengthened your marriage. The next weekends are Aug. 9-11, 2019, or Sept. 27-29, 2019, at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, Mo.

If you would like to apply or get more information, call 314-649-7317 or visit stl-wwme.org/schedule.php.
TIGER’S COMEBACK

Whether you play golf or not, you had to cheer for Tiger Woods’ extraordinary comeback at this year’s Masters’ Tournament. The 43-year-old golfer pulled off what many are calling the greatest comeback in sports history. Tiger Woods’ winning his fifth Masters' title and 15th major tournament by one stroke ended a decade-long championship drought.

Between his 14th and 15th victories, Woods suffered a devastating series of personal and physical defeats. His infidelity cost him his marriage and made his life fodder for the tabloids. He tore ligaments in his knee, and a series of back operations left him in agonizing pain and addicted to prescription painkillers.

What turned Woods around, he said, was his children’s “infectious happiness.” In their own way, 10-year-old Charlie and 11-year-old Samantha got their dad back on top. They loved him unconditionally and completely. Until this year, Charlie and Samantha had never been to Augusta. They knew that their father was a legend in the sport, but they only saw the tension and despair it brought him, not the glory. Woods was determined to recover and return to the top of his game — but by balancing his competitive drive with his dedication to Charlie and Samantha.

While pundits doubted Woods would ever play again, his commitment never wavered. What many fail to appreciate is the patience required to do what Woods did: the long hours in the gym and on the golf course to regain his physical stamina and focus. But through his darkest days of hopelessness, of working through the kind of infuriating physical pain that back injuries create, the unqualified love and support of his family kept him pushing forward in his rehab — not for the sake of the sport, but for the sake of his family; not to be a great golfer, but to be a great father.

“I was very fortunate to be given another chance to do something that I love,” Woods said, after donning his fifth Masters’ green jacket. “But more importantly, I’ve been able to participate in my kids’ lives in a way I couldn’t for a number of years.”

[The New York Times; People.com; Dan Wetzel, Yahoo Sports.]

Jesus’s responses to the three would-be disciples sound, at first, insensitive, almost cruel. But Jesus is challenging us to recognize that discipleship requires us to make clear, unambiguous choices and set focused priorities if we are to realize in our lives God’s vision of compassion, peace and justice. Consciously or unconsciously, we let so many agendas, interests, and expectations monopolize our time and attention and energy to the point where we lose sight of what is authentically important and affirming and meaningful in our lives. To follow Jesus requires us to let go of our own needs and wants, fears and doubts, in order to free ourselves to do truly great things for the love of God.

From Connections, June 2019

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the waters of baptism, we welcome Aiden Wayne Smith, son of Mark and Colleen (Martchink) Smith, baptized on June 30, 2019.

GAME DAY

Game Day for July will be on Thursday, July 11, 2019, due to the holiday. Hope to see you at Immaculate Heart of Mary from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Debbie Gartner at 314-481-9385 or dgartner@ihm-stl.org.

NUTRITION AND THE AMERICAN SENIOR

Please join South Grand Senior Ministry for an Aging Wisely workshop on nutrition misconceptions and what you should be consuming.

The presentation by Holly Steen, nutrition student at Fontbonne University, will take place in the Centennial Room at St. Cecilia (5400 Louisiana) on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. and includes lunch. Park on the lot and use the gym doors.

To make a reservation, please call Heather at 314-351-1318, ext. 201, before July 11.

ALL AGES, ALL STAGES

Get some pep in your step at Balance and Revitalize Class with Eileen Kinsella.

Classes are held on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the St. Stephen parish hall. Contact Eileen at 314-608-3862 or embodied.life.living@gmail.com with any questions.
AROUND TOWN

GIRLFRIEND RETREAT
Ladies, gather your closest girlfriends for a very special event on Aug. 3-4, 2019. Girlfriends in Grace is a 28-hour overnight retreat designed just for you and those incredible women you're blessed to call friends. Treat yourselves to this relaxing, prayerful, and fun getaway at the Marianist Retreat & Conference Center, with its 120 acres of rolling hills and trails on the banks of the Meramec River in Eureka, Mo.

The retreat will include some large group presentations, but each group of friends will function as its own small group for discussions. There will be a variety of activities and plenty of down time. Time for prayer will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on Sunday.

The retreat starts on Saturday at 1 p.m. and ends Sunday at 5 p.m. The cost is $111 per person and includes a private room with a bathroom and shower, linens, towels, three meals, and snacks.

For more information, email julie@mretreat.org or register online at www.mretreat.org.

“PRIESTS PLAY”
Since 1981, the Fr. William Scheid Players have presented plays, reviews, and musicals featuring St. Louis Archdiocesan clergy and laity to raise funds for youth programs.

This year’s production is “Once Upon a Mattress,” to be performed July 19, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. and July 20 and 21, 2019, at 2 p.m., at Nerinx Hall High School (530 E. Lockwood). Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Contact Ann Madden at 314-605-7521 or annmaddenstl1@gmail.com.

BOOK FAIR
The Women’s Guild of Our Lady of Sorrows (5831 S. Kingshighway) is sponsoring a book fair on July 27, 2019, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., July 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., July 29-Aug. 2 from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m., and Aug. 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hardbound books are 75 cents, paperbacks are 25 cents, and children’s books are five for a dollar. For more information, contact Linda at 314-752-4660.

SAINT LOUIS CATHEDRAL CONCERT
The Saint Louis Cathedral Concerts is happy to have the all-boy English vocal group Libera back in concert on Monday, July 29, 2019, at 8 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica (4431 Lindell Blvd.). The distinctive sound of Libera has traveled the world in the last few years. The group’s albums have topped both mainstream and classical charts in many countries, and their recordings hold their place in top-tens alongside major artists like Bocelli.

Tickets are $19, $29, or $42. For more information, visit www.cathedralconcerts.org. (This concert is not part of any 2019-20 season subscription or patron donation package.)

WHEN MENTAL ILLNESS HITS HOME
The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows (442 S. Demazenod Dr., Belleville, Ill.) is presenting its 13th annual When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference on Friday, Aug. 23, 2019. The event is designed to help those journeying with people with mental illness (families, friends, and professionals).

This year’s theme is “Resiliency: Bouncing Forward,” and the keynote speaker is Gary Behrman, Ph.D.

For more information, contact Bette Meyer at bette.meyer@snows.org.

WORKING WITH THE DYING
Aquinas Institute of Theology (23 S. Spring Ave.) is offering a workshop for spiritual directors and chaplains called “Working With the Dying” on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter Sandra Spencer is a Catholic laywoman, spiritual director, and retired chaplain. She has an M.A. in pastoral healthcare from Saint Louis University and for 17 years served as chaplain and director of pastoral care at SLU Hospital, where she cared for trauma patients, cancer patients, and their families. Among her particular interests are the call to holiness in the elder years and accompanying the dying.

The cost of the workshop is $35. To register, visit www.ai.edu or call 314-256-8804.
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 1
8:00 a.m. — Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, July 2
8:00 a.m. — Jane & George McKenna

Wednesday, July 3
8:00 a.m. — John & Cecelia Hopmeir

Thursday, July 4
8:00 a.m. — C & E Scheetner

Friday, July 5
8:00 a.m. — Fr. Joseph J. Ryan

Saturday, July 6
8:00 a.m. — Teresa Butz
4:00 p.m. — Virginia & Charles Stough

Sunday, July 7
9:30 a.m. — Our Parishioners, Ken Simon, June Zitko

Pleasing Pray

for our sick and recovering ...
Florence Arcipowski  Wence Kveton  Vince Stehlin
Dave Asinger  Thomas Lorenz  Ron Thenhaus
Suzi Beck  Lois McClellan  Alan Varga
Liz Bentrup  Steve Moylan  Virginia Zenthoefer
Ann Dosenbach  Grace Phillips

for our homebound ...
Jeanette Holmer  Art Petersen
Albertine Honious  Rose Schuster

for those in nursing homes ...
Al Eckert  Ellie Kearns  Dolores Meisemann

for family members serving in the military ...
Derek Hirtz  Jack Renick  Mitch Sollmann
Tristan Moylan  Brian Schoellhorn
Ryan O’Neil  Dylan Schulte

DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays, after 8 a.m. Mass: Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesdays, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.: Church is available for Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the rectory for entry.

First Friday of the Month, after 8 a.m. Mass: Holy Hour and Benediction

Parish Office Hours 314-481-1133
Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

Bulletin Article Deadline
Monday at 12:00 p.m. prior to the weekend bulletin.

Sacramental Celebrations
Eucharist
Saturday evening vigil:
4:00 p.m.
Sunday:
9:30 a.m. (nursery available)
Monday: Liturgy of the Word
8:00 a.m.
Tuesday through Saturday: Mass
8:00 a.m.
Holy Day:
8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Infant and Child Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated at any weekend liturgy or on the last Sunday of the month following the 9:30 am. Eucharist. Parents are asked to call the parish office to arrange a Baptism.

Adult Initiation / Reception into the Catholic Church
Any adult who would like to know more about our Catholic faith, and/or who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Marriage
Please contact one of the clergy at least six months prior to the planned date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick
We have a communal celebration of this sacrament at the weekend liturgies in the fall and in the spring. If you would like to be anointed before entering the hospital or if you are homebound, please call the parish office.

Parish School of Religion
Parish School of Religion formal classes in our Catholic Faith
Children: 4 yrs. through 8th grade and high school
Located on the campus of St. John the Baptist Parish.
Call the PSR Director at 314-773-3070.

Church Nursery
Located in the rectory basement during 9:30 a.m. Mass. Enter by way of the alley. Staffed by parents.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Children ages 4 through second grade are invited to participate and hear the scriptures in a way meaningful to their age. During our Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m., excluding holidays.